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Minutes Wednesday, November 16th 2016 Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Village Conference Room

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem Grider, Trustees Sweet, and Ryan, Clerk/Treasurer Dickey, Chief Betz and Officer Nunez. Guests included Dr. Deb Marchi, Daryl Ratajczak of the Forest Service, Robert Borden and Margaia Forcier-Call.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Trustee Sweet moved that the agenda be approved with any action on Resolution 2016-24 Protesting Wilderness Area Designation to be postponed until a working meeting can be scheduled so the council can get more information. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded and the agenda was unanimously approved as amended.

4. Approval of Minutes from October 19th Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider asked that the minutes be corrected as follows: Under 9a) Mayor's Report, she clarified that there is not an exception for people to live in an RV or Motor Home for up to 6 months while they are building a house. However, she would like to see that change. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider moved that the minutes be approved as corrected. Trustee Sweet seconded and the minutes were approved as corrected with no opposition.

5. Hiring and/or Termination Approvals

Mayor Wilson reported that Paula Archuleta, Venessa Stack, and Steve Garcia, all reserve officers, have resigned. Stella Panana from the Bath House quit. Chief Betz has tendered his resignation effective December 2, 2016. Mayor Wilson proposed that Officer Felix Nunez become the Acting Chief until the position can be advertised and a permanent decision made. Trustee Sweet asked about contracting with the County Sheriff's Office, but Chief Betz explained that such a process is extremely costly. Mayor Wilson added that the community seems to prefer having its own Police force; it seems the officers are more dedicated to the area that way. Trustee Ryan also said the Sheriff's Office is already understaffed. Trustee Ryan moved that the report be approved. Trustee Sweet seconded, and the report was unanimously accepted.

6. Resolution 2016-23 Authorizing Submission of an Application to NMFA for Financial Assistance

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Trustee Ryan moved that Resolution 2016-23 be adopted, allowing submission of an application to NMFA for the brush truck. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded and the resolution was adopted unanimously.

7. Resolution 2016-24 Protesting Wilderness Area Designation

As amended during approval of the agenda, any action on this resolution was postponed until a working meeting can be scheduled so the council can get full information before making their decision.

8. Resolution 2016-25 Adjusting the Budget

Ms. Dickey explained that the General Fund has fronted money to the Library and NM Clean and Beautiful, and these funds will be reimbursed when grant proceeds are received. However, as of 9/30/16, the reimbursement had not been received. This left a negative balance on one line item of the DFA Quarterly Report, which is not allowed. Resolution 2016-25 would transfer approximately \$6,800 from the General Fund to the Library and NM Clean & Beautiful in order to cover the shortfall. Once the funds are received, the money can be transferred back to the general fund.

Trustee Sweet moved to adopt the resolution. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider seconded. Resolution 2016-25 was adopted unanimously.

9. Reports Submitted/Not Submitted

a. Maintenance

Submitted. Trustee Sweet noted that he was glad Chad has started some work on the Legion building.

b. Bath House

Submitted

c. Library

Submitted

d. Court

Submitted

e. Wastewater

Submitted. Trustee Ryan asked if any action had been taken towards repairing the truck. Ms. Dickey explained that Ms. Nalezny just noticed the problem and wants to do more research.

f. Police Chief

Submitted

g. Planning & Zoning Committee

Not Submitted

h. Fire Department

Not Submitted

i. Lodgers' Tax Minutes

Not submitted

10. Village Clerk's Report

Ms. Dickey explained that a large portion of the Village's revenue comes from Gross Receipts Tax and administrative fees. Small Cities Assistance should arrive in March, but for the present we must be careful to maintain sufficient operating cash. Light Among the Ruins is coming up December 10th, and this will use some of the Lodgers' Tax funds, however NM True and the Jemez Historic Site will share some of the costs. Even with the work that has been done on Mooney,

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Luciano, the Leyba Land, and the new entrance to the Fire Station, the Village needs to ask for an extension of time to spend the remaining \$35,000 of road funds. A special meeting will be set up on November 21^{st} at 6:00 p.m. to adopt the necessary resolution.

11. Mayor's Report

Mayor Wilson explained that he and Mrs. Wilson will be attending a Hospitality dinner. The Village of Jemez Springs is a finalist in publishing/promotion and also is in the running for "Destination of the Year". Antoinette Vigil is looking for alternative sources for planning grants, because the economic development study grants through NMFA only cover 25% of the study. Mayor Wilson will be gone November 21-26 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Erica Asmus-Otero contacted Mayor Wilson about signage for the Light Among the Ruins event and Mayor Wilson confirmed that a banner to go across Highway 4 has been ordered. Officer Nunez said he could check with Corrales to see whether we could borrow their portable signs to help visitors find their way around during the event. He is also already planning traffic control strategies for events like Light Among the Ruins and the SW Racing car rally.

a. Mayor pro tem Grider

Mayor Pro-Tem Grider had nothing new to report.

b. Trustee Sweet

Trustee Sweet had no new items to report.

c. Trustee Ryan

Trustee Ryan asked Chief Betz and Officer Nunez about recent police and sheriff's office activity. Chief Betz said he is working on drafting ordinances for firearms discharge and trespassing in the Village. He and Officer Nunez are also working on SOP's to ensure a smooth transition. Officer Nunez said that next week, body cams will be available for himself and the reserve officers. He is also trying to enhance communication between different branches of law enforcement that serve our area as well as with prosecutors and the DA so that repeat offenders will stay in jail and the rash of break-ins will stop.

d. Trustee Sanchez

Trustee Sanchez was unable to attend.

12. Adjournment

At approximately 7:10 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Grider moved that the meeting be adjourned. Trustee Sweet seconded and the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Approved: Mayor Bob Wilson

Attest: Yvonne Dickey, Clerk/Treasurer

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